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SUBJECT: FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY

REFS: (A) STATE 66803, (B) BONN 4672

1. DURING FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN'S PRESENTATION TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON MARCH 24, HE SAID THAT SHIPMENTS WILL BE RESUMED TO TURKEY "IMMEDIATELY" TO COMPLETE 7TH TRANCHE AID (REF A). REF B INDICATED THAT FRG POLICY WAS TO TRY TO INSURE THAT ACTUAL DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT TO BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD BE MADE AS SIMULTANEOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. A FONOFF WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL HAS RECONFIRMED THE FRG POLICY REGARDING DELIVERIES WITHIN THE SAME GENERAL TIME FRAME. THE OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT WHAT VON STADEN PERHAPS HAD IN MIND BY HIS STATEMENT WAS THAT THERE WERE NO LONGER ANY BUREAUCRATIC IMPEDIMENTS TO THE IMMEDIATE RE-INSTITUTION OF 7TH TRANCHE AID.

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2. OUR SOURCE SAID THE TURKS ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN THE

8TH TRANCHE DURING THE WEEK AFTER EASTER. HE CONTINUED THAT WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE 7TH TRANCHE HAS BEEN UNBLOCKED, RESUMPTION OF AID DEPENDS UPON THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOT AND FRG REGARDING THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE TURKS. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SUCH CONSULTATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEGUN. ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION WILL ALSO DEPEND UPON SUCH FACTORS AS SHIP AVAILABILITY. OUR SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT MILITARY GOODS WILL BEGIN FLOWING TO THE TURKS--AND PRESUMABLY ALSO TO THE GREEKS --AROUND THE BEGINNING OF MAY.

3. REGARDING THE TECHNICALITIES OF APPROVAL STILL REQUIRED BY THE BUNDESTAG, OUR SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT CONSENT MUST BE GRANTED FOR THE NEW AID TO TURKEY IN THE FORM OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THIS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT IS IN ADDITION TO THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ALREADY CONTAINED WITHIN THE 7TH TRANCHE. THE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES MUST ALSO AGREE TO FUND DEFENSE AID TO GREECE IN THE 1975 BUDGET.

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